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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

SUBJECT: Visits of Inspection

1. In submitting to you the attached concise report of the operational and administrative control of the missions and stations maintained by the Strategic Services Unit in Europe and the Far East, I should like to invite your attention to the desirability of visiting some of the principal units sometime in the near future. You will note that each mission and each station operates in a different manner, peculiar to the problem presented as well as to some of the local tradition inherited from its parent OSS organization.

2. As I understand the situation that must be faced, there will exist a period of transition prior to the time that we can effect the permanent long-range clandestine operation that might be envisaged. It is in order to appreciate better what should be the nature of the organization during the period of transition that I consider an early survey of the principal components of SSU imperative. Furthermore, I believe that it would be highly desirable to study the local problem, as it now exists, in order to determine what contacts and what liaisons might be maintained advantageously in the future.

3. I believe that two 2-men teams could accomplish this job in a period of about one month. Specifically, I would recommend that one officer representing CIG and one 25X1A officer representing SSU form a team which would proceed via [REDACTED] I would further recommend that a similar team proceed to [REDACTED]

4. I should like to invite your attention to the fact that for fiscal reasons it would be advisable to accomplish this travel during the current fiscal year, or at least to start the trip during the current fiscal year, so that the expenses involved might be chargeable to this period when appropriations for travel have not yet been expended.

5. I recommend the project outlined in paragraph 3 for favorable consideration. Within forty-eight hours I shall submit to you a detailed analysis of the exact 25X1A of the inspection at each station or mission visited. [REDACTED] Director of SSU, heartily concurs in this recommendation.

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